Reply of Government.—Government can only supply Amrut Mahal bulls. The public should endeavour to provide other breeds themselves in order to improve the cattle. Something in this direction was formerly done at Tangli in the Kadur District. The question of placing a stallion in charge of the Veterinary Inspector is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 158.

Abolition of sub-taluks.

Mr. Surasastri, Chikballapur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Sub-taluks in which there are less than three hoblis may be abolished as there is little or no work and the public are put to great inconvenience. They are within easy access of the ordinary taluk headquarters. The Gudibanda sub-taluk for instance is quite unnecessary. The Deputy Amildars who are required to itinerate for ten days can find little useful work to do during all that period within such small areas.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 159.

Philoxera.

Mr. G. V. Scovell, Bangalore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is proposed that Government may introduce a Regulation prohibiting the introduction into the State of any plants, grape vines in particular, which are procured from any place infected with the disease, Philoxera, especially.

This is a disease fatal to grape vines and other plants and now that grape industry is likely to play an important part in agriculture, it is very necessary that the disease should be kept out of the State.

I think the only non-affected places in Australia are Mildura in Victoria and Renmark in South Australia. Vines may be sent from either of these places to any other place in Australia but on no account may vines be imported into either of these two places. This is the law in Australia and it is much the same in Germany. Any vineyard found to have Philoxera has to be destroyed and no compensation is granted by Government. It would hardly be of use to introduce this act unless the Government of Madras did likewise, as plants could be smuggled across the frontier. I am writing to the Director-General of Agriculture, Madras, on the subject and have written to Australia for a copy of their Act.

Reply of Government.—We shall watch what they do in the Madras Presidency.

SUBJECT No. 160.

Speedy disposal of cases in revenue courts.

Mr. Venkatsamaiya, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—People are greatly inconvenienced and put to considerable loss by the enormous delay in the disposal of revenue cases. Rules similar to those obtaining in civil courts as regards adjournments, proceedings in hearing, default for non-appearance, etc., may be introduced into revenue courts. There are returns sent regularly by civil courts from which the duration of cases and the occurrence of delays may be easily made out.